Ossperate Fighting Between Christians and Mohammedans.

The City of Canea Put to the Torch-Christimes Driven from Their Homes by the Fiames Only to Meet Death at the Hands of the Turkish Soldiers.

LONDON, Feb. 5 .- A dispatch to the Dentral News from Athens says that desperate fighting has occurred between the Christians and Mohammeealmans have set fire to the city of Canca, and the place is now burning. The city is in a state of anarchy, and a Christian is safe nowhere. Many Christians who had locked themselves in their houses were driven out by the flames, only to meet death at the hands of the Turkish soldiers, who shot them down at sight. A number of Christians have succeeded in finding refuge in the war ships in the harbor, but the outlook for those still in the city is very precarious.

The situation is so critical that mawines have been landed from the British and Freuch war ships to protect the consulates of their respective gov-

The dispatch further says that fully 300 persons have been killed in Canea. Many of them lost their lives while attempting to reach the war ships.

THE SAC AND FOX RAID.

Father and Son Seized and Carried Off -The Former Believed to Have

Been Lynched. GUTHRIE, Okla., Feb. 5. - A telephone message has just been received which lefinitely locates the reported Sac and Fox raid at Stroud, in the eastern part of Lincoln county. As the result of an ald feud. Wm Lurton shot and killed another man and a party of masked men rode into town at night, abut up the town, drove the citizens out and with Lurton and his son Everett as prisoners, rode off into the Creek country. Everett Lurton was afterwards released, but it is believed the old man was lynched. The town of Stroud is terrorized and deserted, but the citizens are arming a large masse. The telephone wires have been cut near Stroud, and further particuars are unobtainable.

THE STROUDE TRAGEDY.

The Town Terrorized and Several Citizens Carried Off to be Murdered.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Feb. 6.-Communisation has been been restored to Stronde, and particulars of the recent raid have been received:

Two weeks ago, while quarreling aver some land, Griffis was shot and killed and his father slightly wounded by Henry Lurton. Lurton was arrested, but admitted to bail Wednesday. "Pld man Griffis and three of his sons, accompanied by four other men, rode into Stroud and compelled everybody to close their stores and hide away,

saying there was going to be a battle. Several hours later as Henry Lurcon, his son Everett, Jim Furber and ald man Robinson were entering the town they were ambuscaded and comgelled to surrender by the other crowd, who bound them to horses and rode off into the Creek country with them. Later they released Jim Furber, who returned and said that they had declared they would hang oid man Lurton and shoot his son and Robinson.

The people of Stroud were completely terrorized, and most of them have been afraid to venture from

their houses since. A posse was organized at Chandler Thursday night to go to the rescue of the three men carried off, but there is little hope of reaching them in the woods and mountains of the Creek

country. A message from Stroud late last evening says that a report had reached Mr. Albrecht. there that Henry Lurton and Robinson have been found dead hanging to trees and their bodies riddled with bullets, but it cannot be confirmed. Stroud is south of Sac and Fox agency, and this encounter gave rise to the reports Thursday of the raid on

NEW HOSPITAL FUND

To be Established by the Prince of Wales in Bonor of the Queen's Sixtleth Anniwersary.

Connon, Feb. 6.-The prince of Wales has issued to the press a lengthy communication in which he projects the creation of a fund to be called the Prince of Wales Hospital fund for London, to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the queen's accession to the throne. The object is to prison and after closely inspecting the secure about £150,000 annually prisoner, concluded he was not her reby subscriptions of a shilling upwards to meet the well-known needs of the hospitals which are not met by existing funds with which the proposed fund is not plainly they need not expect pay for intended to interfere. The communication states that a council will be ap- They assured their client they would childs treasurer.

Floods m England. LONDON, Feb. 6 .- Floods are prevailing in the valleys of the Thames and Oufe rivers, where large tracts of land are submerged. Great damage has been done to property.

SENT TO THE BOTTOM.

Probable Foundering of the Norwegian

ship Saga After Collision. LONDON, Feb. 6. - The German steamer Africa, which sailed from Antwerp for New Orleans, has returned to Flushing, having been damaged in the roads with the Norwegian ship Saga, from Buenos Ayres for Hamburg. The Saga vanished in the tnick fog which prevailed. Part of her crew were picked up by the steamer. It is supposed that the Saga foundered and that the remainder of her crew were

OFF FOR CUBA.

The Three Friends Took Aboard Arms and Munitions. KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 6.-The cap-Thursday from the east coast of Florida reports having sighted the steamer | cented on behalf of the poor of Chica-Three Friends at daylight Wednesday. He stood by while the vessel took on thanking the people of Nebraska for board a party of men and a cargo of the oberal offer, but declining to acmunitions. The Three Friends short- copt outside donations, on the ground by thereafter started to sea, heading that Chicago was well able to provide for Cuba. The Three Friends left ostensibly on a wrecking trip. A revenue toward relief will a usequently be muie ollicer to abourd.

A BAND OF THIEVES

Who Have Been Robbing the Government of Stamps Bun Down by the Posts Authorities—One Important Arrest Already Made, to be Followed Up by Others -Evidence of Guilt Found Upon the

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.-After years of hard work, it is now said that the post office authorities have succeeded in running to earth a band of thieves which has been robbing the government of stamps at the rate of about \$100,000 a year for many years back. The first arrest was made vesterday in this city, and it will be followed up, dans in the island of Crete. The Mus- it is further said, by the arrest of the others of the gang.

The man who was arrested in this city is Hamilton F. Coleman, a clerk in the chief clerk's department in the general land office in Washington. He was arrested on a telegram from Washington. Over \$5,000 worth of stamps were found on his person. These stamps are known as periodical stamps. They ranged in value from one cent to sixty dollars. A number of these sets of stamps are sent to each postmaster every year. When a publishing house presents 1,000 pounds of published matter, for instance, the postmaster gives it a receipt for the postage paid and cancels stamps amounting in full value to that sum.

These stamps are returned cancelled to headquarters in Washington. A new issue of these stamps was ordered in 1894. Before that time an issue had not been made since about

The collectors of postage stamps are eager for the stamps and always have been, and so the stamps have been stolen and sold to them. The face value of a set of the stamps it \$20 4.55. The market price, it is said, has been almost twice that much, so that the thieves who have been stealing them have been making small fortunes. It is against one of the statutes of the United States to have these stamps in one's possession, the supposition being naturally that, as they are never for circulation and not intended to leave the hands of the authorities, the persons who have them must necessarily have stolen them.

Coleman was taken before Commissioner Shields. Post Office Inspector Morris made an affidavit that Coleman had received these stamps from one Randolph J. Albrecht, and that he had them in his possession in violation of the United States laws. The commissioner set his examination for next Wednesday, and fixed his bail at \$2,000. He sent several messengers out looking for bondsmen.

Coleman said he was innocent; that the stamps were his property, and

that he could prove his innocence. The detectives in this city said today that they knew but little about the agrest. They refused to tell who Albrecht was.

street.

Mr. Burger said to-day that he did not know Coleman.

Coleman has friends in this city. the stamps found upon Coleman were sold to Rudolph F. Albrecht, a dealer in stamps, of 90 Nassau street, about three weeks ago, by A. G. Townsend, a philatelist, having an office in the loan and trust building, Washington. When Mr. Albrecht sought to dispose of the stamps, inquiry as to how he came by them was instituted by the philatelic papers.

"Where did these stamps come from?" these papers asked.

"It is against the law for Albrecht to have them." Then Mr. Albrecht took counsel with himself and friends and wrote to Townsend about the matter. The result was that Coleman came to this city to take up the stamps sent which and prefects. he did, and was arrested a few moments after he had received them from

"The stamps have absolutely no face value, commercially," said Mr. Albrecht to-day, "for they are not inpost office people. But they are valuable to philatelists and according to the series bring large prices. Two or the agency which did not take place. three hundred dollars for a set is no

BUTLER, THE MURDERER.

He was Not Identified by the Napa Widow-NoMoney for Lawyers. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4. - Frank But-

quite a levee in the city prison yester-During the morning Mrs. Emma. Butler, the Napa widow, called at the

creant husband. Butler's lawyers called on him yesterday afternoon and had a brief consultation. The murderer told them their services as he had no money. pointed, of which the prince of Wales do all in their power to prevent his will be president and Baron Roths- extradition. Owing to the continuance of the proceedings before United States Commissioner Heaccek, the de-

> of March. They hoped at first to be able to depart on the steamer sailing Friday.

tectives and their prisoner cannot

stort for Australia before the middle

TAMARACK MINE FIRE OUT.

Two of the Miners Rescued and the Others Thought to Be Alive.

HOUGHTON, Mich., Feb. 4. - The fire in No. 3 shaft of the Tamarack mine was extinguished at noon William and Antoine Tomoczchevski succeeded in reaching the cage. which had been kept running constantly since the fire started and reached the surface safely. They had tapped the air pipe and escaped suffocation by the liberal use of compressed air. Peter Lempin and his son William are undoubtedly alive also.

Chicago Will Provide for Her Own Desti-

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 4 .- Acting under instructions from the senate, Lient.-Gov. Harris telegraphed Mayor

AFRAID OF A WOMAN.

Brave Spanish Officials Banish Miss Clomencia Arengo-Given Days to Leave the Island on Pain of Imprisonment During the War-Twice Stripped and

Rigidly Searched. TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 5 .- Among the arrivals by the Olivette this morning was Miss Clemencia Arango, sister of Gen. Arengo, of the rebels on the island of Cuba. She is the daughter of the late Dr. Jose Arengo, a noted physician of Havana, and a young lady of rare culture and intelligence. Her brother being an officer in the Cuban army, she was naturally thought to be a sympathizer with the cause of liberty and information on which to base an edict banishing her from the island was sought.

A few days since she and two others, who are in Key West, received a notice from the governor to leave the is-

Under the reserved seal of the police departments of the city of Havana, his

royal highness, the governor, says: Through the secretary of the government, lated on the 16th inst., I am informed as follows: "Having seen the information given by the civil government, dated on the 13th Inst., concerning certain citizens of this city, to-wit: Mrs. Sigarroa, Miss Clemencia Arengo and Mrs. Emelia Cordeba, that on account of their action in favor of the Cuban cause they are deemed connected with the insurrection and all the more dangerous because they are women. The captain general, on agreement with the proposition of the civil governor, has decreed with to-day's date that these women shall be banished from this island, and they are hereby prohibited from returning until an express edict shall be issued permitting them to do so. They are ordered to leave within 15 days, commencing on the day they are notified, together with the intelligence that if they should not abandon the island at the end of the time given, they shall be imprisoned and held there as long as the war shall last

I hereby notify you to fulfill his royalty's or-JUAN CEBROS. Inspector Third District. Havana, Jan. 18, 1897

She was taken into a house and stripped by a woman, even to her with again to make assurance doubly sure. She is not certain whether she on the steamer to-morrow. will reside here or go to New York.

CUBAN REFORM SCHEME.

The Decree Has Been Signed by the Queen Regent of Spain. MADRID, Feb. 5 .- The decree authorizing the proposed reforms in the of the murder of Weller. island of Cuba, which it was announced would be signed on Saturday, has been signed by the queen regent.

One of the principal features of the bly, which will be known as the coun- evidence. the true nature of the story behind | cil of administration. This body will be composed of 35 members, of which 21 will be elected by popular vote and Among other things found in Cole- six by the leading municipal and provman's pockets were a number of en- incial corporations. The remaining velopes bearing the imprint of Burger | eight members will consist of a lead-& Co., dealers in stamps at 53 Nassau ing magistrate, a university professor. an archepiscopal delegate and five ex-

senators or deputies. All measures desired by municipal and provincial councils which may be From what they say it appears that disapproved by the governor general can be appealed to the administrative council and finally referred to the colonial minister at Madrid.

> The municipal and provincial councils will nominate the municipal judges and the council of administration will frame the budget and draw up a customs tariff under the proviso that a protective margin of 40 per cent. at least shall be allowed to Spanish goods against foreign goods. The customs officials must be Cubans.

elect their own presidents and control General Wilson, Kerr Craige, the third the administration of education.

adopt measures even against these retended to leave the custody of the forms whenever such measures may be man's chances for release were imneeded to suppress rebellious move. proved by it. ments.

decided upon. representation in the senate and chamber of deputies will remain as heretomade a bad impression, as the scheme is generally regarded as giving everything to the Cubans. ler, the Australian murderer, held

SHAM REFORMS

A Kind of Chaff That Will Not Catch the Cuban Bird.

New York, Feb. 5 .- Senor Tomas Estrada Palma, the Cuban delegate, when interviewed yesterday concerning the proposed reforms in Cuba, gave out the following statement: "Had geuine autonomy instead of sham reforms been offered to the people of Cuba before they rose in arms the Cubans would surely have accepted it, and thereby bloodshed and total devastation of the island would

have been averted." any kind of compromise which has preliminary examination. not for its basis the absolute independence of the islands"?

AN ILL-STARRED COLONY

Whose Destitute Sarvivors are Straggling

Back to Their Former Homes. land the other day from Brazil, and | ville Hosmer in 1853. about fifty more are expected from San Paola in a fortnight.

A NEW FIRE MACHINE.

Successful Test of a Self-Propelling Fire

Engine in Boston. propelling fire engine built for the ert E. A. Crofton, commanding the Ff-Boston fire department by the Man- | teenth infantry, with headquarters at chester locomotive works was given a | Fort Bayard, N. M., on the the retired successful test Wednesday. Steam list of the army yesterday, under the was gotten up, and the monster statute enabling the executive as was slowly exercised about two commander-in-chief to retire an officer hours in testing the running and | who reaches the age of 62 years, Crofsteering gear and the throwing tou having reached the required ags power. It can travel ten miles an last December. hour on the level, and climb any hill in the city.

MURDERER BUTLER

Thinks He Has Found a Plan to Clear Himself of the Charge of Murdering Weller-Anxious to Get Back to Austrails, Where, He Says, He Will Prove an Alibi and Turn Queen's Evidence.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.-Murderer Frank Butler, or Richard Ashe, as he now calls himself, has formed a plan by which he hopes to clear himself an ignominious failure of one of the from the charge of murdering Lee | crack vessels of the new navy receives | Weller. He says nothing, however, as an explanation which navy officials of



to how he will attempt to save his neck on the charge of murdering Preston, Lesan and Harwood, the mining engineer, whose papers he stole and which he used in S dney to convince the innocent prospectors that he was fully capable of finding gold in the Blue mountains.

Butler told one of his supposed friends vesterday morning that as soon as he reached Australia he could easily clear himself by turning queen's evidence. "I was not within three miles of the

shooting of Capt. Weller," said Butler, "and how can I be guilty? "As soon as I get back to Australia shoes and stockings being taken off there will be other arrests. Then I and her clothing thoroughly exam- will give my side of this whole affair. ined for information she might be I am more than anxious to get away. bringing the Cuban junta in America. I did not want my attorneys to oppose When she went to board the steamer an immediate hearing of the extrathe same process was gone through dition proceedings, and I was disappointed in not being able to get back

> "I do not wish to be freed here by a legal technicality, for I am positive that my innocence will be established on my return."

The admissions already made by the prisoner show beyond a doubt that he is well acquainted with the details

Capt. Lees and the Australian detectives, Roche, McHattie and Conroy, place no credence in the statements of Butler that he can establish an alibi plan is the creation of a Cuban assem- or escape by the turning of queen's

A Letter from Lee Weller, the Murdered

Englishman. LONDON, Feb. 5 .- A letter from Lee Weller, one of the men Frank Butler, now under arrest in San Francisco, is charged with murdering, has been received by Solicitor Donaldson. It is dated November 26, and informs the lawyer that the writer is going prospecting. A part of the letter is written in a handwriting different from Weller's. Mr. Donaldson is of opinion that this is Butler's handiwork. Solicitor Donaldson, who is the executor of Weller's will, says the latter left very little property.

COLEMAN'S ARREST

May Prove to Have Be in a Mistake on the Part of the Post Office Department.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 .-- The impression that the inspectors of the post office department have made a mistake The governor-general of the island in arresting Hamilton F. Coleman in is empowered to appoint the high offi- New York Wednesday on the charge cials, but they must be Cubans or of stealing uncancelled stamps used Spaniards who have resided in the for bags and second-class mail matter island for two years. These officials is gaining ground here in the official include the intendants, magistrates circles concerned. Yesterday afternoon a conference with regard to the The municipal councils general will case was held between Postmasterassistant postmaster-general, Chief The government reserves full power Inspector Wheeler and Inspector Arto maintain public order, and may rington, and while the result was not made public it is believed that Cole-

Post office officials are discovering The government will regulate the many methods by which the stamps tariff until a special Cuban tariff is could get into the possession of individuals not connected with the de-As previously announced the Cuban | partment without recourse to criminal or other illegal methods. It is said that retiring postmasters frequently fore. The publication of the plan has abstract periodical and other stamps, cover up the matter in their final reports and pay any deficiency out of their own pockets. The government loses nothing, and the retiring postmaster disposes of the periodical stamps for an amount sufficient to cover up his own contribution to the post office department, and perhaps

makes something extra. A. C. Townsend, the philatelist, with whom Coleman was associated, maintains that Coleman is innocent, and that proof of it can be produced. Coleman's reputation among his associates in the general land office is excellent.

Hamilton F. Coleman Gives Cash Bail, NEW YORK, Feb. 5.-Hamilton F. Coleman, who was arrested Wednesday for having \$5,500 worth of gov-"If the Cuban people did not accept ernment "periodical" stamps unlawthese sham reforms then and rose in fully in his possession, yesterday furarms for independence, how would nished \$2,000 cash bail for his appear they accept them now or enter into ance before Commissioner Shields for

THE END OF THE STORY. Death of Mrs. Margaret Hosmer, Author

of "The Morrisons" and Other Tales. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 4.-Mrs. Margaret Hosmer died suddenly of pneu-Washington, Feb. 5 .- In a report to | monia Wednesday at the home of her Col. Stump, the commissioner general daughter, Mrs. Helen Hosmer Macof immigration, Wm. J. Burke, chief Donals, in this city. Mrs. Hosmer was detention officer at Ellis Island, tells at one time a prominent and prolific of the safe conduct to Montreal of a writer of short stories and a correnumber of Canadians who emmigrated spondent for San Francisco newspato San Paola, Brazil, and were obliged pers. She was born in this city Deby destitution to desert the colony, cember 1, 1830, and was the daughter About fifty of them reached Ellis Is- of Thomas Kerr. She married Gran-

COL. CROFTON RETIRED. The President Taking Advantage of

Prerogative Rarely Exercised. WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.-The president, taking advantage of a preroga-Feb. 5 .- The gigantic self- tive rarely exercised, placed Col. Rob-

DRIVEN INTO PORT.

Battleship Indiana Again Found Wanting and Her Seaworthiness Doubted -She Could Not Keep the Pace Set by the New York, and Returned to Hampton Roads for Further Inspection.

Washington, Feb. 6.-What may be represented to foreign governments as experience regard as satisfactory. The return of the battleship Indiana to of the interstate commerce commission Hampton Roads yesterday after and the railroad and warehouse comhaving been at sea with Ad- mission of Missouri. miral Bunce's squadron scarcely 24 hours, was due to the same Long Island. On that occasion the big guns projecting from the turrets awung back and forth across the decks as the ship heeled over on her beam ends and the gravest fears were felt that the magnificent vessel would "turn turtle" and go down. Capt. Evans hove her to and lashed the guns temporarily which enabled him to reach port, and then several months were spent at the navy yard in trying to remedy the defects. Capt. Evans was succeeded in com-

mand by Capt. Taylor, formerly of the war college, and yesterday was Capt. Taylor's first experience for some time in an armored ship that has earned a reputation for wallowing, and it is understood the long rollers following the recent heavy gale made themselves felt on the ship when the fleet got off Hatteras.

If she had not been restricted to squadron formation, Capt. Taylor might have headed his course into the seas, but as the New York, with her high free board and notable stability. was setting the course, and as the Indiana could not safely stay with the fleet, she was permitted to return. If her turrets had broken loose off Hatteras the ship might have been lost. The navy department gave out the following statement regarding the

matter yesterday afternoon: "The Indiana returned to-day to Hampton roads, having made a run with the squadron. When she went out this time she had with her a new locking device for her turrets, lately put on at New York, and which was intended to remedy the trouble she had the last time she put to sea in heavy weather. This present device has three times the strength of the former one. Very properly the officers of the ship have been cautious and observant as to its workings, and she has returned to the roads for a further inspection of it and possible readjustment.

The department expects to have the Indiana again at sea in a few days.

THE CRUISER BROOKLYN The Damaged Vessel to Go Into the

League Island Dry Dock. CHESTER, Pa., Feb. 5.-If the conditions remain favorable it looks to-day as though the cruiser Brooklyn may leave her anchorage at Marcus Hook for the dry dock at the League Island navy yard to-morrow. The stevedores finished unloading the coal from the vessel this morning and all the ammunition has been taken out. The diver's report shows that the plates have been ripped from a point near the bow to a point under the engine room, but the damage is confined to

the port side. The injury is serious, but it is not as bad as was at first thought from the quantity of water forced into the double bottom compartments. The skin is not damaged, and the bolts were not sheared off. Capt. Cook has received a telegram from Eleven Point lighthouse, Mich., expressing sympathy for the accident to the Brooklyn. The captain, for a number of years,

was stationed at this lighthouse. MONEY MISSING.

Sudden Disappearance of Funds Cause. the Suspension of a Bank.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 6 .- The Northwestern national bank at Great Falls failed to open its doors yesterday morning, and the reason given in the dispatches is a discovered defalcation of about \$27,000. The cashier is B. D. Hatcher, and he is still in Great Falls. One dispatch says the money was in the vaults Thursday, and was missing yesterday morning. Facts are hard to obtain, owing to the excitement caused by the failure and the reticence of the bank officers. The bank had a capital of \$250,000 and an advertised surplus of \$50,000. Thos. Couch, G. M. Hyams, Frank Kleptko and other prominent stockholders in the far as the bird teachers can go. Boston & Montana and Butte & Bostor mining companies are members of the W. G. Conrad, a Great Falls capitalist, is president of the institution.

THE MEANEST MAN

Charles Koch Must Seek a New Job -Driven Out by His Fellow Workmen. COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 6.-When Charles Koch, an employe of Hayden's chain factory, arrived at his forge yesterday morning he found it in charge of a committee of his fellow workmen. He was notified that he would have to leave the shop. It had been discovered that, though he had regular employment at good wages, he had imposed on the public relief association for the poor unemployed and taken a large amount of groceries to his home. Koch refused to go and was driven off with eggs and cries of "Get a rope" ringing in his ears. Koch owns his

Approved the Action of the Circuit Court in Refusing Batt.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 6.-Yesterday the supreme court confirmed the action of the Washington county circuit court in refusing bail for Detectives Brown and Sexton, of Louisville. Ky., who shot and killed J. M. Rinpey, near Salem, a few weeks ago. The detectives were convicted of murder in the first degree and appealed the case. They came to Salem for an escaped convict from Louisville, and mistook Rippey for their man and shot him dead. They narrowly escaped lynching at the time.

An Important Conference of Railroad

Bondinglders. NEW YORK, Feb. 6.-The Union Pacific reorganization committee and the Kansas Pacific consolidated bondholders committee held a conference yesterday-members of the former committee explaining the reason for the necessity for re-casting the allottment to the Kansas Pacific consolidated bonds. It is announced that the allotment is to be 50 per cent. in 4-percent, mortgage bonds, and 110 per cent. in preferred stock, instead of 80 per cent. in bonds, and 72 per cent. in preferred stock as heretofore.

ABOUT RAILROAD TRAVEL. What a Prominent Railroad Official Says

Relative to the Cost of Carrying Passen gers on Western Roads. Mr. P. S. Eustis, General Passenger Agent of the C. B. & Q. R. R., in a recent argument before the house committee of the Missouri legislature on the two-cent bill, gave some valuable and surprising information about the passenger business in the west. His statements were based upon the reports

Mr. Eustis showed in the first place that the volume of passenger traffic on turrets which got loose in a railroads is dependent upon the density storm last fall, when Capt. Evans and wealth of population in the territory commanded the ship in evolutions off through which it runs, and then compared the population of Missouri and the traffic resulting from it with the same figures in other states, thus clearly il-

lustrating the theory of his point. The following table showing the relative population and rates is interesting

in this connection. Passenger Population revenue per per sq. mile. mile of R. R. Missouri \$977 2,075 1,951 4,513 4,422 New York..... New England.....

Mr. Eustis made the statement that, while the named rate in most of the western states was three cents per mile, he actual amount received is considerably less than that sum. This is due to the fact that the railroad having a long line between two points cannot charge more than the rate fixed by a oad having a shorter line, and to excursion rates demanded by the people, all of which reduce the average rate

naterially. But the most surprising assertion nade by Mr. Eustis was that the western roads, with possibly one or two individual exceptions, carry passengers at an actual loss. The St. Louis, Keokuk & Northwestern was cited as an instance. Mr. Eustis produced a statement of the expense on that road to show that the cost per passenger per mile exceeded three cents, the legal

rate. The report of the interstate commerce commission referring to the railroads of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and that part of the Dakotas and Missouri lying east of the Missouri river shows that it cost the railroads two and three-one-thousandths cents per mile to carry passengers exclusive of any charge for taxes, rents, interest on mortgages and other items of the kind. Mr. Eustis declared that a two-cent flat rate in Missouri would reduce the average to one and three-quarters cents if not lower.

It was shown that lower rates do not largely increase traffic, and instances were cited where reductions from four cents and three and one-half cents to nree cents per mile did not result in increased travel.

Answering the question as to whether or not rates in Europe were not lowshowed that while the third-class rate on some European lines is lower, the second-class rates, which are paid by the great traveling public, are higher than American rates. The conveniences of second and third-class travel in Europe are not to be compared with those of America in point of comfort and con-

EASILY LEARN TO SWEAR. The Stupidest Parrot Will Soon Acquire

the Habit of Prefanity. Third avenue, on the outskirts of the Bowery districts, boasts the only "parrot academy" on this side of the Atlantic. In reality, it is only the back room of a bird-fancier's shop, but in it many wonderful things are accomplished in the way of educating parrots. When asked about his methods, the proprietor of the shop, who is also the principal of the academy, explained at some length, in exceedingly bad English. He said he was German, but

he very much resembled an Italian. "You see, when the birds come in, I put them all loose in that room, where they remain for a few days until they become accustomed to their surroundings. Then I put with them a bird that can only say words of one syllable, as 'yes,' 'no,' 'cat,' 'dog.' He soon teaches the whole lot what he knows.

"Then I put in a bird that can say longer words and simple sentences, and when they have mastered his lessons yet another bird, who teaches them longer sentences and how to ask and answer questions. That is about as "So my daughter and I finish off the

smart ones, for parrots are like chilboard of directors of the bank, and dren, and all are not smart. I select the stupid birds and sell them off cheap, while the smart ones are still kept in that room until their education is complete. We teach them their letters and figures, how to add and subtract and to spell simple words with the aid of a blackboard. "Then my daughter teaches them to

sing with a piano accompaniment, to tell the time of day, and sometimes dance to music. No, we never teach them to swear, for we have no demand for swearing birds, though several times I have missed selling a bright bird because he swore at me when I was trying to show him off. They learn oad words from the people whcome into the store and the boys passing along the street. The stupidest parrot can learn to swear."--N Y

THE ODD AND CURIOUS.

The loftiest inhabited place in the world is the Buddhist monastery of Haine, in Thibet. It is about 17,000 feet above the sea.

On the summit of Ben Lomond may be seen the smallest tree that grows in Great Britain; it is known as the dwarf willow, and is, when mature, only about two inches in height. The sea has no herbivorous inhab-

itant. Its population live on each other, and the whole of this immense expanse of water is one great slaughter house, where the strong forever prey upon the weak. Many savage nations worshiped only the malevolent deities, on the principle that the good gods would do all they

could for humanity anyhow, while the

evil gods or demons needed concilia-A bird of immense wing power is the tiny stormy petrel; it belongs to every sea, and, although so seeming frail, it breasts the utmost fury of the storm; skimming with incredible velocity the trough of the waves and gliding rapidly over their snowy crests. Petrels have been observed 2,000 miles from nearest land.

nerves and gives strength to all the orga-

Sarsaparilla

The best-in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills do not cause pain or

Beating the Authorities. The man who carried a carpet-bag and hay-colored whiskers stood on the corner, chuckling hoarsely to himself, and, when he thought no one was looking, slapped his thigh uproariously. Being of a friendly disposition, the policeman on the opposite corner strolled across and accosted

"Say," said the stranger, "I've been hearin' such er lot abaout ther sharpers up here t' Noo Yerk, but dinged 'f I kin see it."

"No?" inquired the policeman tentatively. "Naw! Why, et's ez easy to fool ther

authorities ez ter skin er polecat. Up on ther next block one of ther special inspectors seen me and fined er dollar on ercount er the noo law again spittin' on their pavement." "Did you pay it?" asked the police-

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